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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER TO VISIT
BONN, SEPTEMBER 8-12

1. SUMMARY: SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER HAS
INVITED HIMSELF TO VISIT BONN. FRG WILL USE THE
OCCASION OF THE VISIT TO BRACE SOUTH AFRICA ON
APARTHEID. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FONOFF (MUELLER, DIRECTOR FOR WEST AND SOUTH
AFRICA) INFORMED EMBOFF AUGUST 28 THAT SOUTH AFRICAN
FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER WILL VISIT BONN SEPTEMBER 8-12.
MULLER HAS NO INVITATION FROM THE FRG. HE REQUESTED
THE VISIT IN ORDER TO INAUGURATE THE NEW SOUTH AFRICAN
EMBASSY IN BONN. HE WILL ALSO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS
PRESENCE IN BONN TO HOLD A MEETING OF SOUTH AFRICAN
CHIEF OF MISSIONS IN EUROPE.

3. SINCE MULLER WILL BE IN BONN AND IN ORDER TO AVOID
BEING IMPOLITE, FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER WILL MEET
WITH HIM. GENSCHER PLANS TO HAVE A "VERY FRANK TALK"
WITH MULLER ABOUT APARTHEID. GENSCHER PLANS TO POINT
OUT THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S POLICY IS EMBARRASSING TO THE
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FRG IN ITS RELATIONS WITH BLACK AFRICA.

4. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE (KREMER, FORMER GERMAN CONSUL IN WINDHOEK) THAT THE QUESTION OF MAINTAINING THE GERMAN CONSULATE IN NAMIBIA IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW IN THE FONOFF. KREMER HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CONSULATE BE CLOSED IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FRG'S POSITION IN "THE FUTURE INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA." HOWEVER, MUELLER - WHO HAS MUCH MORE CLOUT IN THE FONOFF THAN KREMER - HAS TOLD US THAT HE FAVORS MAINTENANCE OF THE CONSULATE IN WINDHOEK. WE EXPECT THAT MUELLER'S VIEWS WILL PREVAIL. WE REITERATED THE US POSITION ON THIS QUESTION.

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